



Advanced Imaging Self-Pay Discounted Prices

Pilot Program: Effective April 1, 2017

South Peninsula Hospital Imaging Department pilot program offers a discount on MRI and CT services for patients willing to pay at or before time of service. This program is in direct response to feedback from community members who are seeking these services in the lower 48 where they can get a self-pay fee at a lower cost than in Alaska, and supports the hospital's efforts to improve price transparency, remove barriers to care, and provide affordable healthcare to the community we serve.

Program guidelines are:

- **The full cost of the exam must be paid at or before time of service with cash, check, credit card or money order.**
- **No other discount or payment plan can be applied.**
- **Insurance cannot be billed for the exam by South Peninsula Hospital**
- **South Peninsula Hospital will not apply this cost to your annual insurance deductible.**
- **Some specialty exams, such as those used for injections or biopsies, do not qualify.**

The discounted rates are approximately 50% less than the regular price, but similar to the contract rate with Medicare. Below is the list of covered exams (three MRI and three CT) and the price the patient will pay. The price includes the professional radiology fee for interpretation of the exam.

| Procedure | Price |
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| MRI without contrast | \$1,160.00 |
| MRI with contrast | \$1,310.00 |
| MRI with and without contrast | \$1,500.00 |
| CT without contrast | \$ 760.00 |
| CT with contrast | \$1,010.00 |
| CT with and without contrast | \$1,160.00 |

I got my MRI bill and I had to pay more than this. Why did I pay more? If we billed the insurance company, you would be responsible for the remainder of what insurance didn't pay, which could be the full amount if you have not yet met your deductible. This discount does not apply when insurance has been billed. Contact your insurance company to determine your benefits to help you make an informed decision.

What are the self-pay discounted prices for ultrasound or other imaging services? At this time, this pilot program applies only to MRI and CT exams. However, a 25% discount is offered on all hospital and clinic services if insurance is not billed and the amount is paid within thirty days of the first statement.

Can I submit the bill to insurance myself under this program? Most insurance requires preauthorization. If choosing to bypass insurance, SPH will not be verifying your insurance nor obtaining preauthorization.

What other payment options I can consider? We can bill insurance, offer a payment plan, or you can apply for financial assistance. Contact an SPH Financial Counselor at 235-0298 to discuss these options.

Appointments and information can be made by calling the department at 235-0362.